October 19, 2006

Orange County Grand Jury
700 Civic Center Drive West
Santa Ana, CA 92701

Attn: The Honorable Nancy Wieben Stock, Presiding Judge
of the Superior Court

Dear Judge Stock:

Effective in the current 2006-07 year, the Fountain Valley School District is in compliance with the nutrition standards of SB 12. Those nutritional standards are listed in the District’s Board Policy 5030, “Student Wellness.”

Concerning beverages sold on campus, the only allowable beverages sold are water with no added sweeteners; milk (2%, 1%, non-fat, rice milk, soy milk or other similar non-dairy milk); fruit juice that is at least 50% with no added sweeteners; vegetable juice that is at least 50% with no added sweeteners; and, at the middle schools, electrolyte replacement beverages with no more than 42 grams of added sweeteners per 20-oz serving.

Re: Orange County Grand Jury Report on Obesity

- Finding and Recommendation 6.1 and 7.1 - Control over competitive foods

Effective 7/1/06, the Food Service Director has been granted more control over those competitive foods which are sold on our school campuses. Principals, teachers and PTA/O leaders are aware of what is allowed to be sold on campus, with the Food Service Director overseeing and guiding these food items to assure compliance with the District’s Wellness Policy.
Our mission is to promote a foundation for academic excellence, mastery of basic skills, responsible citizenship, and a desire by students to achieve their highest potential through a partnership with home and community.

• Finding and Recommendation 6.2 and 7.2 – Compliance with Federal /State Laws

The Fountain Valley School District is in compliance with federal and state laws addressing child wellness and obesity.

• Finding and Recommendation 6.3 and 7.3 – School Nutrition Programs

Although the revised standards of SB 12 do not go into effect until July 1, 2007, the Fountain Valley School District has implemented those standards effect July 1, 2006.

The Fountain Valley School District is committed to providing school environments that promote and protect children's health, well-being, and ability to learn by supporting healthy eating and physical activity.

Very truly yours,

Marc Ecker, Ph.D., Superintendent
Fountain Valley School District
/srg

c: Betty Flick, Foreperson, Orange County Grand Jury
Rosemary Eadie, Assistant Superintendent, Instruction
Diane Sharpe, Food Services Director